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A weekly update for Aging & Disability Resource Centers, Community Living Programs, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs, Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Service Program and their Partners

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Fall SART Open

The Fall 2012 Semi-Annual Reporting Tool is open for reporting throughout the month of October. Data reported by grantees through the SART help provide a fuller picture of all the program activity across the nation and in each state. Thank you in advance for your effort in providing full and comprehensive reports about your activities and sharing lessons learned so they might benefit the larger grantee community.

Help materials are available on the SART page for program staff who are responsible for semi-

Older Women's Health Education Funding Opportunity

The Department of Health and Human Service Office of Women's Health is offering funding for activities and events that enhance access to information and health care resources that promote the safety and health of older women (women 50+) in the United States and its affiliated territories. Proposed activities should focus on one of the three general topic areas: preventive and behavioral health, abuse in older adults, or caregiving.

Priority consideration will be given to proposals which demonstrate collaboration among two or more local community resources. Community resources may include (but are not limited to) senior services, Area Agency on Aging, health care providers, patient advocacy and education organizations, local hospitals, health care professional organizations, and local media.

Projects will be funded up to a maximum amount of \$2,500. For help with this RFP, e-mail: owhapplication@jsi.com or phone toll-free: 1-866-224-3815. Proposals must be received no later than November 15, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

Health Services Research Extends Call for Papers on HIT

Health Services Research has extended a request for papers for their special issue on Health Information Technology (HIT). The issue will feature research that demonstrates trends in adoption and meaningful use of health IT and the role of health IT in enabling improvements in health care delivery and outcomes. Topics of special interest include building HIT infrastructure, developing innovative approaches to performance measurement, and translating short term HIT investments into measurable

annual reporting at the state and local levels. These materials are especially recommended for staff who will be reporting through the online system for the first time. The [SART Training Recording, Fall 2012](#), [SART Instruction Manual](#), and [October 2012 SART Questions](#) are available online.

improvements in cost, quality and population health. The deadline for submissions is December 28, 2012. For more information please refer to the [Guidelines](#).

New Resources



[Take a Stand Against Elder Abuse](#) is an article authored by Administrator for Community Living & Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee and published by the American Society on Aging. The article describes the problem of elder abuse and highlights some key strategies for addressing and ending it.



[Use of Transportation Services among OAA Title III Program Participants](#) is part of an AoA-funded research brief series presenting analyses conducted by Social & Scientific Systems using data from AoA's National Surveys of Program Participants. These surveys collect information from Title III participants about their demographics, socioeconomic status, health, and functioning, as well as their service use and client-reported service impact and quality.



Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) has created a new website, [SAGEUSA.org](#). This new site features an issues section, multimedia library, Get Involved page, National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, and a calendar of programs and services available in New York City.

Upcoming Events

1) Getting Started Medicare Webinar

CMS' Division of Training is hosting a webinar for people who would like to expand their knowledge about Medicare. This program is designed for new partners and counselors with limited program knowledge who would like to gain foundation level knowledge about the Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs, and key resources and tools available to effectively counsel beneficiaries.

***Wednesday, October 24, 2012, 3:00-4:00 PM ET**

***(877-267-1577); Access Code: 0243**

[*Connect to the Webinar](#)

2) Webinar on Integrating Medicare and Medicaid: What's Happening Now, and What It Means for Assisted Living and Other LTSS

Twenty-six states have applied to the federal government to combine Medicaid and Medicare. Under these applications, up to two million persons eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare would be transferred into an integrated Medicaid/Medicare health care system. In most cases, they would receive care through a managed care organization.

Join the Assisted Living Consumer Alliance for a free webinar explaining the dual integration process, with a focus on how the new systems will affect long-term services and supports (LTSS). The speakers will be Georgia Burke and Eric Carlson, attorneys from the National Senior Citizens Law Center.

***Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 2:00 PM ET**

[*Register Here](#)

TAE Update of the Week:

Were you unable to attend any previous technical assistance calls? Don't fret - call recordings, notes, and other resources are posted in the [Past TA Events](#) section of the website.

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